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Sir:

Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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01 FC:103 132.00 CH
02 FC:102 246.00 CH 8. (Amended)

8. (Amended) A method for detecting the presence of polynucleotide sequences encoding at least a portion of human telomerase in a biological sample, comprising the steps of:

a) providing:

i) a biological sample suspected of containing nucleic acid

[corresponding to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100] encoding a human telomerase polypeptide;

ii) an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising a sequence identical or complementary to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100, or a fragment thereof;